

HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT

HON. ANDY BIGGS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. BIGGS. Madam Speaker, this week a grateful nation honored law enforcement by celebrating National Police Week. My gratitude to our law enforcement professionals and their families cannot be overstated. Their sacrifices, in the defense of and service to our communities, are worthy of recognition and humble thanks.

Those lost in the line of duty this past year from agencies within Arizona's Fifth Congressional District include:

Maricopa County Sheriff's Deputy Juan Miguel Ruiz, End of Watch Monday, October 11, 2021

Maricopa County Sheriff's Lieutenant Chad Owen Brackman, End of Watch Wednesday, November 10, 2021

Maricopa County Detention Officer Kendall Leroy Thomas, End of Watch Friday, September 10, 2021

Chandler Police Officer Lyndon Tyler Britt, End of Watch Monday, January 11, 2021

Chandler Police Officer Jeremy Martin Wilkins, End of Watch Friday, December 17, 2021

Chandler Police Officer Christopher Allan Farrar, End of Watch Friday, April 30, 2021

To illustrate the bravery and selflessness of these men, I wish to share the account of Chandler Police Officer Farrar and Gilbert Police Officer Rico Aranda.

Last year, deputies with the Pinal County Sheriff's Office were in pursuit of a known felon. Understanding full well that the suspect had already fired shots at the responding deputies and their lives may be in peril, Officer Farrar and Officer Aranda entered the pursuit. The suspect entered a car dealership in Chandler where he stole a truck. He then turned this vehicle against the officers, striking Officer Farrar and Officer Aranda, causing both to suffer critical injuries. Officer Farrar succumbed to his injuries, while Officer Aranda is still on the path to full recovery.

While in the hospital, Officer Aranda was visited by his Chief and was asked about his future plans. The Chief expressed gratitude for his sacrifice and, knowing the long road ahead, told him there would be no shame if he decided to retire after this incident. Officer Aranda looked him in the eye and told him, "Nah dawg, I'm gonna be Chief one day."

This is but one of countless examples of the bravery, dedication, and honor with which our law enforcement professionals serve. The people of Arizona's Fifth Congressional District are grateful. We stand with them. We support them. And we will always back the blue.

**HONORING ANDREW HENGSTLER
FOR EARNING THE HUSKY 100
AWARD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
WASHINGTON**

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate

Andrew Hengstler from Vancouver, Washington on being awarded the Husky 100 from the University of Washington.

The University of Washington Husky 100 program recognizes 100 undergraduate and graduate students from all campuses and all areas of study who are making the most of their time while attending university. Recipients of the Husky 100 are successfully connecting what happens inside the classroom to the outside, they're helping make a difference on campus and in their communities, and they are preparing for an ambitious and successful future. Andrew is no exception.

Andrew is pursuing his bachelor's in Construction Management at the University of Washington. After graduation, Andrew wants to use his degree and experience to "develop built environments that encourage community collaboration, where people are not separated by class or culture." His current activities and goals led to Andrew earning this recognition.

Once again, I want to congratulate Andrew on earning this honor and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

**HONORING RANDELL "RANDY"
IWASAKI FOR HIS DEDICATED
PUBLIC SERVICE**

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join in celebrating the service and achievements of Randell "Randy" Iwasaki, who is retiring from his position as Executive Director of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA).

Randy joined CCTA as Executive Director in 2010 after a 26-year career with the California Department of Transportation, where he served as Director after holding various engineering and management positions. Under Randy's guidance, CCTA completed high-profile, long-term projects such as the fourth bore of the Caldecott Tunnel and widening State Route 4 in eastern Contra Costa County. He and his team also worked on pioneering projects, such as creating the largest secure and connected autonomous vehicle proving ground in the nation. They also championed legislation and secured funding to pilot the first system of low-speed multi-passenger shared autonomous vehicles without steering wheels, brake pedals, accelerators, or operators on public roads in the United States.

Under Randy's leadership, CCTA's work has been as diverse as Contra Costa County itself. In addition to the work in autonomous vehicles, CCTA has expanded bicycle transportation and facilities, increased ferry service, created an electric vehicle readiness blueprint for the County, bolstered recreational opportunities in conjunction with other regional agencies, and even constructed maps to make it safer for children to get to school.

Randy has been a good steward of public resources, and his efforts have not gone unrecognized. His agency received the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for eight consecutive years, as well as the Silver Medal for Good Government from the Contra Costa Taxpayers Association.

Randy's commitment to providing the public with the highest level of service is an example to all. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Randell "Randy" Iwasaki's exceptional service to the people of California and in wishing him a happy, well-deserved retirement.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT
"BOBBY" DONALD VENTI**

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following obituary for Robert "Bobby" Donald Venti:

Robert "Bobby" Donald Venti, 75, of East Hartford, beloved husband of Roberta A. (Farrell) Pacheco, passed away peacefully at home with his loving family by his side on Saturday, March 26, 2022. Born in Hartford on July 24, 1946, he was the son of the late Joseph and Eleanor (LaMacchia) Venti and had lived in the East Hartford area his entire life. Bobby was a graduate of East Hartford High School. He was a proud decorated veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Vietnam War, earning a Bronze Star medal. Bobby worked as a lithographer in the printing business for many years. He was a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 120 of Greater Hartford, American Legion Post #133 of South Windsor, and VFW Post #2046, where he was currently serving as Post Commander. He also belonged to the Army/Navy Club of Manchester and the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 17. He was an organizer and Master of Ceremonies of the Manchester Veteran's Parade and was involved with Veteran's Row at the Manchester Road Race. Bobby was also an animal lover and an avid gardener, who was especially proud of his award winning roses.

In addition to his wife Roberta, Bobby will be forever missed by his two sons, Adam Pacheco of Derby and Joshua Pacheco and wife Chelsea of Broad Brook; and his two adored grandchildren, Robert C. Pacheco and Caroline J. Pacheco, both of Broad Brook. He is also survived by his brother, James Venti of Bristol; five sisters, Gloria Venti of Ellijay, GA, Joan Lugo and husband Rene of Cummings, GA, Elizabeth Pinney of East Hartford, Carol Schwager of Port Ritchie, FL and Mary Jacques and husband Robert of Glastonbury; as well as many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews; and dear friends. He was predeceased by two brothers, John Venti and Joseph Venti.

**HONORING DR. MUTHUSAMY
SWAMI AS A DISTINGUISHED
LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA
FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC
ISLANDER HERITAGE
MONTH**

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, hailing from the southern part of India, Dr. Muthusamy

Swami came to the United States of America in 1982. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from India and a Ph.D. from Florida Tech. He joined the Florida Solar Energy Center in 1982 and has worked there ever since. Dr. Swami has over 40 years of experience in building research, especially in building energy conservation and sustainability—two topics intimately related to climate change.

Dr. Swami is a founding member of the Muthamizh Sangam of Central Florida (MSCF). Started in 1986, MSCF is a non-profit organization devoted to the awareness and promotion of Tamil culture in Central Florida with a vision to bring together all Tamil families who reside in the area. He served as the president of MSCF for over five years and chairman of the board for many years. Dr. Swami was also the president of the Hindu Society of Central Florida (HSCF) from 2012 to 2013. HSCF's focal point is the Hindu Temple in Casselberry and is the cultural, spiritual, and educational center for Central Florida Hindus. He has also served as APAPA's president and vice president for community outreach.

Dr. Swami is considered a pillar of the community for his wide range of community activities. His strength lies in providing leadership, growing the community, and bringing them together—which he has done with great success. He has been instrumental in setting up language schools to preserve the native language, providing leadership training to youth, recruiting and posting students for internships, and advising design teams to win national awards. One such is a first-place design award for the team and to him for faculty advising.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following Roll Call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call vote No. 212, On Passage of the bill (S. 2938) To designate the United States Courthouse and Federal Building located at 111 North Adams Street in Tallahassee, Florida, as the "Joseph Woodrow Hatchett United States Courthouse and Federal Building", I would have voted NAY;

Roll Call vote No. 213, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the bill, (H. Res. 1125) Condemning rising antisemitism, I would have voted YEA;

Roll Call vote No. 214, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the bill, (H.R. 5738) Lactation Spaces for Veteran Moms Act, I would have voted YEA;

Roll Call vote No. 215, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the bill (H.R. 7335) MST Claims Coordination Act, I would have voted YEA;

Roll Call vote No. 216, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the bill (H.R. 6961) To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve hearings before the Board of Veterans' Appeals regarding claims involving military sexual trauma, I would have voted YEA; and on

Roll Call vote No. 217, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the bill (H.R. 6064)

Direct the Sec. of VA to seek to enter into an agreement with the National Academies for a review of examinations, furnished by the Sec., to individuals who submit claims to the Sec. for compensation under chapter 11 of title 38, U.S.C., for mental & physical conditions to military sexual trauma, I would have voted YEA.

SRI LANKA—MAY 2022

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 13th anniversary of the end of the war in Sri Lanka in May of 2009. The Sri Lankan government won the war to keep the Sinhalese and Tamil communities within one country but has not yet won the peace. In 2015, the Sri Lankan government made commitments on transitional justice and accountability, a political settlement of the ethnic problem, security sector reform, the return of land, the release of Tamil political prisoners, actions to end human rights violations and other ambitious reforms. Unfortunately, not enough improvement has yet been seen by the Tamils, Christians and Muslims who feel marginalized and discriminated against. Instead, in February 2020, the Sri Lankan government withdrew their commitments to implement their goals to transitional justice and accountability made at the United Nations Human Rights Council in 2015.

The U.S. is a member of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) and has initiated resolutions on Sri Lanka since 2012. I'm urging the State Department to start work on a new UNHRC Resolution before Resolution 46/1 expires this September. I suggest this resolution includes:

An extension of the mandate of the OHCHR's special mechanism for evidence collection, especially vital because of the belated start of that mandate in April 2022.

The extension should explicitly determine that:

Evidence collection is not limited to the time period set by Sri Lanka's Lessons Learned and Reconciliation Commission (LLRC), which had a mandate of conflict prevention rather than accountability but include the entire war which began in 1983 and the period just preceding when gross human rights violations began, notably from 1979 with the introduction of the notorious Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA). Evidence from reputed NGOs should be accepted by the mechanism;

All crimes will be considered, including war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide, including what the 2015 report Office of the High Commissioner's Investigation on Sri Lanka (OISL) noted as 'widespread' and 'systematic' crimes by the State against the Tamil population;

A recommendation that the General Assembly act on the evidence collected to provide accountability for mass atrocity crimes by referral to a higher international court such as the International Court of Justice or the creation of a special tribunal for Sri Lanka; and

An operative clause on the immediate need of major constitutional reform under inter-

national supervision and guarantees to achieve a permanent political solution to the longstanding ethnic conflict to achieve regional stability and peace and prosperity for all communities on the island.

RECOGNIZING CAPROCK HIGH SCHOOL'S MCJROTC DRILL TEAMS

HON. RONNY JACKSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JACKSON. Madam Speaker, today, I am proud to recognize the Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (MCJROTC) Drill Teams of Caprock High School in Amarillo, Texas for their exceptional representation at the 2022 Marine Corps JROTC National Drill Championship.

Over the past three years, Caprock twice placed second at Nationals. These young cadets remained committed to perfecting their skills under the leadership of some of our community's finest, and, this year, they brought home the National Championship trophy. These cadets have exemplified the Marine Corps values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment.

The National Drill Meet consisted of six team events, with Caprock placing first in two events, second in two events, and fifth in one event. Their efforts secured the program's first National Championship, but I have a feeling it will not be their last.

Since 1971, Caprock's ROTC program has been a part of the Amarillo community. The program has always motivated students to learn, fostered a disciplined and constructive learning environment, and instilled essential skills like time organization, responsibility, goal setting, and teamwork.

I am privileged to represent our National Champion cadets in Congress. They've made me, Caprock High School, and the Amarillo community proud. These students are a part of a tremendous program and have a bright future ahead. Congratulations to the cadets of Caprock High School—Semper Fi.

HONORING PHRA WIJITDHAMMAPANI AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

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Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Phra Wijitdhammapani was named Sunan Kruakaew. He was born on August 3, 1957, in Ranot District, Songkhla Province, and was the son of Mr. Pum Kruakaew and Mrs. Om Kruakaew.

At the age of reaching the educational criteria, he attended primary school at Wat Kaset Chonlathi School. After that, he turned his life around to find a temple to study and practice dhamma. On July 14, 1973, at the age of 16, he was ordained as a novice with Phra Kru Suwattanaprasat a preceptor.